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NEVADA DIVISION OF FORESTRY ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR 2003 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE GRANT PROGRAM

Governor Kenny Guinn announced the Nevada Division of Forestry is accepting grant applications for its 2003 Wildland Urban Interface grant program. Grant funding will be provided for community based fuels reduction projects around the state. Funding for the Wildland Urban Interface program is provided by the National Fire Plan through the US Forest Service to the Nevada Division of Forestry. Funds are expected to be available next summer.

The Governor stated the Division's State Fire Assistance program will accept project applications for Homeowner & Community Action projects, Fuels Reduction projects, and Information & Education projects related to fuels reduction and defensible space. Eligible applicants include City, County, and state agencies, local fire departments and fire protection districts, homeowner's associations, fire safe council chapters, and non profit organizations. The maximum grant award is \$125,000 per project.

Applications must clearly identify how proposed projects will mitigate the risk of Wildland fire in the Wildland Urban Interface. Last year, the Division of Forestry provided over \$900,000 in grant funds for more than 35 community fuels reduction and defensible space projects around the state.

Applications must be received by the State Office of the Nevada Division of Forestry by September 20, 2002. Application packets are available on the Nevada Division of Forestry's website at www.forestry.state.nv.us or by contacting the Nevada Division of Forestry at 775-684-2500.

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